



Early Literacy Extras:

Parents and caregivers are a child's first and best teachers. Here are some ideas and activities to try this week with your child. These five practices are designed to help your child develop literacy skills, engage your child, and enhance the bonds between you. Storytimes at the Adams County Library support Pennsylvania Early Learning Standards.

This week's theme was: **Summer**

Read: Watch Miss Crystal read *Summer* by Cao Wenxuan on our Youth Services Facebook page.

Talk: Talk about things you do to stay cool. Summer is the hottest time of year so talk about what steps you can take to stay safe and have fun.

Sing: Rhymes To Do At Home

Play: Take some ice cubes outside and have fun. It's fun to paint on ice, scoop it between containers of water, and experiment with making it melt. Does it melt faster in the sun or the shade? On a light background or a dark one? What happens if you spray it with water?

Write: Make a fan to keep cool! Cut a paper plate in half and decorate however you'd like. Attach a stick of some kind to the bottom and stay cool.

Rhymes To Do At Home

Swimming

Swimming in the water cool and bright
(pretend to swim)
I kick my feet with all my might *(kick feet)*
And when I'm tired I turn and float *(spin and hold arms out)*
Pretending that I'm a boat! *(rock hands)*
I like to hold my breath and dive *(take a break and bend down)*
I'll swim beneath the water and count to five *(count to five)*
Wow! What a dive!

If You're Going to the Pool

(Tune: If You're Happy and You Know It)

If you're going to the pool,
wear your suit
If you're going to the pool,
wear your suit
If you're going to the pool, then a suit
will keep you cool
If you're going to the pool,
wear your suit
Additional verses: hat, flip flops,
sunglasses